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In re application of:	:	Examiner:
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Serial No.: 09/576,462	:	Group Art Unit: 2161
Filed: May 23, 2000	:	
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD	:	
FOR PROCESSING IMPORT/EXPORT	:	
TRANSACTIONS	:	

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I hereby declare:

1. My name is David Kirby. I am one of the inventors of the above-identified patent application.
2. I have been working in the field of importing and exporting goods for approximately 18 years.
3. I am very knowledgeable about the U.S. government regulations pertaining to the importing and exporting of goods, including the assigning of tariffs and tariff classifications to such goods.

4. I worked with Cliff Burke Thompson on developing a working model of the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application (the "Invention") during September, October, and November 1999. I was only able to work on the Invention part-time, since I was also employed by Tokyo Electron during that time, and such work on the Invention was not related to my employment duties.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Declaration is directed.

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